

PASSENGERS AND CREW PERISH.

YOST ANOTHER WATER HOLOCAUST. FIRE

SIGNS FIVE YEAR CONTRACT WITH THE MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY.

MARION COUNTY BOY IS ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S FOREMOST FOOTBALL COACHES.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT HE IS TO RECEIVE A VERY HANDSOME SALARY.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Dec. 17.—Coach Yost has signed a five year contract to coach Michigan. This long term amazed every follower of athletics at Michigan. Yost always has fought shy of long term contracts.

The amount of his salary was not announced. Well founded rumors say that his former pay was \$3,500. It is likely a substantial increase was necessary to secure the contract. Yost went with Michigan in 1901.

MOTION TO ACQUIT WAS REFUSED

THE NAN PATTERSON TRIAL TAKES RECESS UNTIL MONDAY NEXT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Without hearing argument by the prosecution which had rested its case, Justice Vernon M. Davis, in the criminal branch of the Supreme Court, yesterday evening denied the motion of Nan Patterson's counsel to acquit her of the charge of murdering Caesar Young and adjourned the trial until Monday at the request of the defense. The question of the admissibility of evidence concerning J. Morgan Smith and his wife was again raised and Justice Davis decided to admit the evidence.

NEW SUEZ CANAL

PROJECT CAUSES MUCH DISCUSSION IN SHIPPING CIRCLES IN GREAT BRITAIN.

(By Publishers' Press.) LONDON, Dec. 17.—There is much discussion in shipping circles in Great Britain over a proposal to cut a new Suez Canal to parallel the existing one. The scheme was proposed in 1882, when a survey was made.

The agitation arises from a revolt on the part of the ship owners against what they contend are the excessive canal dues which exceed the cost of coal average round the cape of Good Hope, for which reason many cargo carriers are unable to use the canal. It is said that the cost will be 17,000 pounds to get the Baltic fleet through the canal.

CRESTON CLARKE TO-NIGHT.

There has been much said during the past several days concerning the engagement of Creston Clarke in "Monsieur Beaucaire" at the Grand Opera House to-night. The management of the theatre has given a personal guarantee that the production will be the best of the kind ever seen here, and if the theatre-goers do not take advantage of this opportunity to witness a really first-class production they will be the losers. Mr. Clarke appeared at the Court, in Wheeling, last Wednesday, and a gentleman from that city, who is here to-day, says that it was the most pleasing performance seen there this season, and that a strong demand is being made for a return engagement.

THE WEATHER.

More and More Snow. (By Publishers' Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—Forecast for Western Pennsylvania: Heavy snow to-night; Sunday, snow; fresh northeast to north winds. For Ohio: Snow to-night. Sunday fair, except snow along the north-east Lake shore; brisk northwest to west winds. For West Virginia: Snow to-night and in eastern portion Sunday.

CZAR WILL NOT GIVE RUSSIA A CONSTITUTION

PROMINENT DIPLOMAT GIVES OUT AN INTERESTING INTERVIEW IN LONDON.

IF PEOPLE ACT WISELY THEY MAY GET LARGE MEASURE OF SELF GOVERNMENT.

(By Publishers' Press.) LONDON, Dec. 17.—A prominent diplomat, who was for several years in Russia and who is now at the head of a European Embassy in London, had the following to say of the reform movement in Russia during an interview granted your correspondent to-day:

"It is not the belief in diplomatic circles that the Czar intends to grant Russia a constitution. He is desirous of gradually introducing reforms, but the extent of the reformation will depend upon the temper of the Russian people. If they conduct peaceful propaganda they will receive in all probability a large measure of local self government; but if they persist in riotous behavior they will play into the hands of the reactionaries who will probably then be strong enough to exert a controlling influence on the Czar.

"The fact that the Czar retains Prince Mirsky as Minister of the Interior, shows he is liberally disposed, but it must be remembered the Czar is not a strong character. He is only able to resist the reactionary pressure as long as the people back him by showing a willingness to move slowly in the direction of reform.

"The Czar realizes that the outcome of the war in the Far East is largely dependent on international concord in Russia.

If the people refrain from anti-war demonstrations and present a united front they will give the Czar another reason for opposing the reactionaries, who are trying to convince him that only by the display of the iron hand can the Russians be held in restraint.

"The question of reform is really one between the reactionaries and the people, with the Czar as judge. If the people convince him by their conduct that they are willing to go slowly, first using initial reforms as an experiment for greater ones, they will win. But if the reactionaries are able to prove by the people's lack of order, any relaxation of absolutism, it will be the signal for a widespread revolution. The Czar will then undoubtedly withhold the introduction of liberalism.

THREE LIVES LOST IN FLAMES

BROOKLYN HOUSE BURNED THIS MORNING ATTENDED BY LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY.

(By Publishers' Press.) NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Fire broke out at six o'clock this morning in the three story and basement brown stone dwelling at 184 South Ninth street, Brooklyn. Three lives were lost, and six persons were more or less injured.

The names of the dead are: ARDEN REYNOLDS, aged 76. MISS ALICE SIMSON, aged 35. CHAS. S. PAINTER, aged 2 years. The injured are: Dr. Mortimer J. Burford. Chas. M. Smith. A. R. Painter. Chas. Reynolds. Jacob Schlegel. Harry Brounride. Isaacs Smith.

The fire started in the basement. Aged Mr. Reynolds had gone down, as was his custom to start an oil heater to warm the house. The supposition is that a lace curtain caught fire and the flames spread, soon enveloping the whole house.

The damage will reach \$5,000,000. Our imported Japan and hand painted ware, German and Haviland china-ware, are Xmas presents that are stylish and sensible. At easy prices at J. L. Hall's Hardware.

STEAMER GLEN ISLAND BURNED TO THE WATER'S EDGE EARLY THIS MORNING.

SEVERAL PEOPLE JUMPED OVER THE SIDE OF THE STEAMER AND NO DOUBT PERISHED.

(By Publishers' Press.) STAMFORD, Conn., Dec. 17.—Long Island Sound early this morning witnessed another water holocaust, which, while not equal in the matter of loss of life to the General Slocum disaster, yet had many of the harrowing attendant circumstances of the horror which last summer stirred the country. The Starin Line steamer Glen Island, was burned to the water's edge at Greenwich, Conn., and two passengers and seven members of the crew perished miserably in the flames. The dead are:

W. H. HENDERSON, assistant engineer. FRANZ BUSCH, fireman. NEWMAN MILLER, fireman. JOHN BURKE, fireman. OTTO OLAZERN, fireman. OTTO BURGH, deck hand. R. P. BERNES, deck hand. A woman supposed to be Mrs. Rosa Schalskey, a passenger. Unknown man, also a passenger. The woman who was lost is said to have been a Jewish fish peddler, who lived in Hamilton street, New Haven.

The Glen Island, which, during the summer carries daily excursions to Starin's resort, Glen Island, had left pier 13, North river, at nine o'clock last night bound for New Haven.

The steamer carried a heavy complement of freight and ten passengers, with a crew of twenty-one. All went well until the vessel was off Captain's Island, about three miles off shore, and near Greenwich. As the steamer was passing this point the dread cry of "fire" was heard from the engine room.

In a moment all was indescribable panic. The passengers and crew groped their way in the darkness, made more intense by the black volume of smoke which poured back across the deck and down the stairways into the cabins and the stoker's hole. Almost on the moment when the fire was discovered the lights were snuffed out and the darkness became more intense.

Captain McAllister took hold of matters as fast as he could, but the work of lowering the boats and fighting the advance of the flames was hampered by the darkness and the rushing about of the panic stricken passengers. Life belts were handed out to those on board and many were thus saved.

Two boats were finally lowered with eighteen passengers and fourteen of the crew on board. Hardly had the small boats touched the water however, when, with a roar like the explosion of an oil tank, the flames swept along the entire deck and enveloped those left behind. All those left, perished in the flames, or were drowned.

The glare of the fire brought assistance from several directions. The tug E. Bulley dropped its tow and rushed for the burning steamer with all speed. Those in the life-boats were picked up and hurried to warm quarters. The night was bitterly cold and many of the occupants of the boat will doubtless suffer from exposure.

The steamer Allen Joy lay by ready to render assistance, and later signalled to the Starin line Erastus Corning, which took the survivors to New York.

By the time the other vessels had reached the Glen Island she was a

roaring mass of flames from stern to stem, and nothing could be done to save her. In a comparatively short time nothing but the charred hulk of the vessel remained. She now lies off Captain's Point, held in an ice flow, the black funeral pyre of nine souls.

An eye-witness of the holocaust, one of those aboard a vessel in the sound, tells the following story of the tragedy:

"It was dark on the water last night and owing to this fact and the additional fact that the sound was a mass of floating ice blocks, all vessels were going ahead at half speed. Suddenly to the east of Captain's Point a vessel was seen to loom up in the darkness. At her prow a peculiar glare was apparent which grew rapidly, and in a few minutes was apparent that the steamer, which later proved to be the Glen Island, was ablaze. It seemed no time, he said, until dark figures, members of the crew and passengers were seen to be running wildly about, silhouetted by the lurid glare, trying to get to the life boats. A short time elapsed in which the blaze spread rapidly, and by the time the small boats began to lower slowly into the water, the whole forepart of the ill-fated vessel was blazing.

Several persons were seen to jump over the side of the Glen Island, but whether they were among those picked up, or have found a grave in the chill waters of the sound, is not at present known. It may be that later developments will show that even a greater number than nine have perished.

The survivors of the Starin Line Glen Island, which was burned in Long Island Sound early this morning, arrived in New York this morning aboard the Starin steamer Erastus Corning. They included Captain McAllister, of the Glen Island, 13 other members of the crew, and eight passengers. Captain McAllister tells the following story of the holocaust:

"We left pier 13, at 9:35 last night bound for New Haven with a general cargo of freight, a crew of twenty-one men and ten passengers. Two hours later when off Mainlock Point flames were discovered by one of the crew. I was sitting in my cabin at the time. This deck hand ran to my room and informed me that a small fire had been discovered under the main deck in the centre of the ship. I started for the fire alarm, but almost immediately all the lights went out, and the entire ship was left in darkness except for the ominous glow of the fire, which seemed to be rapidly spreading. It was bitter cold.

"I rang the alarm and immediately ordered the crew to warn the passengers. No ceremony of knocking on the doors was gone through, but the crew rushed to the windows of the state rooms, and told the passengers to gather up what clothing they could and make for the life boats. Three life boats were ordered out as fast as possible, the passengers and crew were hurried into them. The boats left the vessel not a moment too soon, for hardly had we gotten away from the Glen Island when she burst into a mass of flames, the heat of which blistered our faces. For an hour and a half we drifted about in the ice floes which choked the sound, most of the passengers attired in nothing but night robes, over which blankets had been thrown. One of the crew had taken the precaution to bring signal rockets with us, and some of these finally attracted the attention of the tug Bully, which took

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MISS WATSON HAD NARROW ESCAPE

ONLY DAUGHTER OF THOMAS E. WATSON CAME NEAR LOSING HER LIFE LAST NIGHT.

(By Publishers' Press.) AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 17.—Miss Agnes Watson, the only daughter of Thomas E. Watson, narrowly escaped burning to death last night at the residence of P. D. Horkan, in this city, where she is visiting. A reception was being given in her honor, but only a few guests had arrived, and Miss Watson was standing near an

open grate in the drawing room when the lace on the lower part of her gown came in contact with the flames and instantly the flimsy stuff was flaming.

Some of the men smothered the flames as best they could with their coats, and Miss Watson was rushed to a room on the second floor, where the dress was torn off. She was in a faint, and it was reported at first that her injuries were fatal, but examination showed that she suffered only from nervous shock. Mr. Watson is in New York.

WORK OF SOLONS BEFORE RECESS IS ABOUT DONE

REVIEW OF BUSINESS ATTENDED TO UP TO THIS TIME BY BOTH BRANCHES.

MOST OF THE SENATORS HAVE ALREADY LEFT WASHINGTON FOR HOLIDAY VACATION.

(By Publishers' Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Practically all the business which Congress intends to do before the holiday adjournment next Wednesday, has been disposed of. The Senate has passed the Philippine bill, discussed the pure food bill and made good progress in the Smoot hearings before the committee on privileges and elections.

The machinery of impeachment against Judge Charles Swayne, of the Northern district of Florida has been set in motion in both House and Senate. Both houses have passed the urgent deficiency bill amounting to about a quarter of a million. The House has put in its spare time discussing the Hill currency bill. House committees have made progress on the various appropriation bills and the subject of amending the Interstate Commerce law has been taken by both House and Senate committees.

But little work will be done before adjournment. Neither Senate nor House will meet today. The Senate will meet again on Monday, adjourn at once until Wednesday and then adjourn for the recess. Most of the Senators have left the city and the understanding is that nothing will be taken up until the meeting on January 5. The Senate will take the suspension of rules matters of miscellaneous character. Tuesday an effort will be made to dispose of the Inaugural Ball question and put the House on record as to whether the ball shall be held, if at all, in the Pension Building, the Library of Congress, the rotunda of the capitol, or elsewhere.

Beyond this the leaders have arranged no program.

BLOOD FLOWED

FROM BREAST OF JENKINS FROM BITE OF ALGERIAN IN A BOUT LAST NIGHT.

(By Publishers' Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 17.—Buzayell, the Algerian not only lost the wrestling match with Tom B. Jenkins last night but was arrested charged with mayhem. The Algerian developed cannibalistic tendencies when in desperate straits. Jenkins had a hammerlock hold and Buzayell was writhing in pain on the very edge of the platform at Woodward's pavilion. Jenkins doubled his big dark skinned adversary's arm back and pressed his weight across Buzayell's body. Certain defeat made Buzayell desperate and he sank his teeth into the white man's breast. Jenkins retained his vice like grip and the bulky colored man was forced to yield. Blood flowed from the wound made by the Algerian who at once was disqualified. Time of bout one hour and six minutes. Buzayell was arrested. Jenkins wound was treated at a hospital to prevent blood poisoning.

ICE BROKE

AND SCHOOL CHILDREN WENT DOWN INTO THE WATER. ONE WAS DROWNED.

(By Publishers' Press.) CUMBERLAND, Md., Dec. 17.—While school children were skating near Three Churches, West Virginia, the ice broke and a number were precipitated into the water. All escaped drowning except a lad named Michael Scanlon, whose body is still under the ice.

The Smallpox Situation. No new cases of smallpox have developed since the one of the colored lady in the First ward, which was reported several days ago.

TOTALLY DESTROYED NEW COAL TIPPLE OF HUTCHINSON FUEL COMPANY AT BYRON.

NO CAUSE FOR THE FLAMES CAN BE ASSIGNED AS NO FIRE WAS NEAR THE STRUCTURE.

WATER FAMINE MADE IT USELESS TO ATTEMPT TO FIGHT THE FLAMES.

The immense new coal tipple, modern in every respect, owned by the Hutchinson Fuel Company and located at Byron, Harrison county, six miles above Clarksburg on the W. Va. and P. division, burned to the ground yesterday afternoon, entailing a loss of nearly \$20,000.00.

How the fire originated is a mystery, as no fire of any description was used around the structure, the small house used by the checker being heated by steam. The plant is not running full time and only two men were employed, outside. These men were in the machine shop and did not notice the blaze until the roof was nearly consumed and the entire tipple so generally as to light it was useless. The water famine in that section is responsible for the total destruction, as at least the ends of the tipple could have been saved.

Ten mine cars were also destroyed, causing a loss of \$900.00. The tipple was constructed two years ago and cost about \$17,000.00 and the absence of stores or furnaces in the neighborhood is responsible for the small amount of insurance carried, \$2,000.

USED A PULLMAN

MAN AND WOMAN SLIPPED AWAY FROM THEIR OTHER HALVES THURSDAY NIGHT.

A story which happened Thursday night and which was kept in the minds of only a few leaked out last evening.

A Pullman sleeper is left in the local yards each night. Thursday night this was used to advantage by a certain couple of this city. An officer passing along learned what was going on and the man and woman were ordered to come out and accompany him to his headquarters. They went and paid their fines.

The worst part of the affair is that both parties are married and their other halves were at home caring for the children. Both families are prominent and the guilty parties walk the streets holding their heads as high as a bantam rooster.

It is not a reporter's mission to break up families so he dare not tell everything he knows.

THE OFFICIAL VOTE.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 17.—The official count of the vote for governor at the last election was given out yesterday. It is as follows:

Dawson, Republican, 121,540; Cornwell, Democrat, 112,457; Bedford, Prohibition, 3,999; Erkey, Socialist, 1,279.

Dawson's plurality, 9,083; majority, 3,515. Governor White's plurality four years ago was 18,581. The average plurality of the rest of the Republican State ticket is 24,594.

Erysipelas Scared Passengers.

A man created quite a stir on the crowded Pawpaw train to-day. He boarded the train at the old Arnett brick house in the smallpox district, and one side of his face was broken out. The passengers were very much scared when it was discovered that a suspected case of the disease was on the train. However, it proved that the man was suffering from erysipelas.

A New Wire Sign.

The Globe Rubber Stamp Works, of this city placed a wire sign on the elevator tower of the Cook Hospital. The sign is made of heavy wire in an iron frame, with large sheet iron letters attached to the wire work and can easily be read from a distance.